

2-CHLORO-BENZALMALONOITRILE

Other Names: o-Chlorobenzylidine malononitrile

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Hazards:

- Extremely irritating to skin, eyes and nose; prolonged contact can cause burns
- Container may explode when exposed to fire
- Combustion and decomposition products upon heating include toxic hydrogen cyanide

Awareness and Operational Level Training Response:

- Stay uphill and upwind
- Determine the extent of the problem
- Isolate the area of release or fire and deny entry
- For container exposed to fire evacuate the area in all directions because of the risk of explosion
- Notify local health and fire officials and pollution control agencies
- If material or contaminated runoff enters waterways, notify downstream users of potentially contaminated water

Description:

- White solid
- Pepper-like smell
- Insoluble in water
- Flammable
- Used as a tear gas and riot control agent

Operational Level Training Response:

RELEASE, NO FIRE:

- Cover material to protect from wind, rain or spray
- Prevent runnoff from entering sewers and waterways if it can be done safely well ahead of the release

FIRE:

- Use water to extinguish fire
- Cool exposed containers with large quantities of water from unattended equipment or remove intact containers if it can be done safely
- If cooling streams are ineffective (unvented container distorts, bulges or shows any other signs of expanding), withdraw immediately to a secure location

First Aid:

- Provide Basic Life Support/CPR as needed
- Decontaminate the victim as follows:
 - ♦ Inhalation remove the victim to fresh air and give oxygen if available
 - Skin remove and isolate contaminated clothing (including shoes) and wash skin with soap and large volumes of water for 15 minutes
 - Eye rinse eyes with large volumes of water or saline for 15 minutes
 - Swallowed do not make the victim vomit
- Seek medical attention
- Toxic effects may be delayed
- For skin burns decontaminate with water and apply a clean dry dressing

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